

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior



Proposed Fee Increase For San Juan National Historic Site

Public meetings October 4 & 5, 2016



How does it work?

- Civic Engagement Process

Public notification:

- Public notice
- Informing congressional delegation
- Informing local and state government officials
- Informing Stakeholders and partners
- Press Release
- Comment Forms

Fee increase process

- 30 days to comment
 - Visitor Comment Forms
 - Facebook
 - PEPC
 - Regular mail
 - Email (preferred)
- Approval period
 - 30 to 90 day
- Implementation period
 - October 2017

Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004 (FLREA)

SEC. 803. RECREATION FEE AUTHORITY. (a) Authority of Secretary- Beginning in fiscal year 2005 and thereafter, the Secretary may establish, modify, charge, and collect recreation fees at Federal recreational lands and waters as provided for in this section. (b) Basis for Recreation Fees- Recreation fees shall be established in a manner consistent with the following criteria: (1) The amount of the recreation fee shall be commensurate with the benefits and services provided to the visitor. (2) The Secretary shall consider the aggregate effect of recreation fees on recreation users and recreation service providers. (3) The Secretary shall consider comparable fees charged elsewhere and by other public agencies and by nearby private sector operators. (4) The Secretary shall consider the public policy or management objectives served by the recreation fee. (5) The Secretary shall obtain input from the appropriate Recreation Resource Advisory Committee, as provided in section 4(d). (6) The Secretary shall consider such other factors or criteria as determined appropriate by the Secretary.

Grouping

1

- Historic Sites; Military Parks; Battlefields; Battlefield Parks, Memorials/ Shrines, Preserves, Parkways

2

- Seashores; Recreation Areas; Monuments; Lakeshores ; Historical Parks

3

- National Park

4

- National Park

1

\$7

\$15

\$10

\$30
Annual Pass

2

\$10

\$20

\$15

\$ 40
Annual Pass

3

\$12

\$25

\$20

\$50
Annual Pass

4

\$15

\$30

\$25

\$60
Annual Pass

Fee Money at Work

2016 Fiscal Year (October 1- September 30)

1.2 million paid visitors per year

\$ 3,402,142 Total

\$ 2,721,714 80 %

\$ 691,000 Cost of Collection

\$ 2,030,714 Remaining



Projects started or completed 2016

- Park film
- Preservation
- Additional positions in preservation & maintenance
- Every Kid in a Park
- Cannon Restoration
- Visitor Center Improvements
- Paseo del Morro

Fee Money at Work cont.

2017 (Estimated)

1.3 million visitors

\$ 3.9 million Total

\$ 3.1 million 80 %

\$ 700,000 Cost of Collection

\$ 1.7 million Remaining



Projects to be completed 2017

- Preservation
 - Rebuild stairs in Las Animas and Santo Tomás
 - Every Kid in a Park
 - Cannon Restoration
 - Paseo del Morro
 - Restoration 2 Garitas

Fee Money at Work cont.

2018 (Estimated)

1.4 million visitors

\$ 5.6 million Total

\$ 4.5 million 80 %

\$ 1.0 million Cost of Collection

\$ 3.5 million Remaining



Projects to be completed 2018

- Preservation
- Additional positions in preservation & visitor services
- Update waysides
- Expand El Morro road
- El Morro landscaping
- Cannon restoration
- Paseo del Morro

Cost of Collection

- Salaries
 - Approximately 20-25 park guides
- Equipment
- Services

Fee dollars at work

- Creation of additional jobs in Visitor Service and Protection
- Acquisition of new park film
- Purchase of cannons
- Additions to the Paseo del Morro and restoring garitas

San Juan NHS Fee Structure

- 1998 Fee established at San Juan National Historic Site
- Seniors \$2.00
- Children under 16 Free
- The park was classified as group #1- All Historic Sites rate is \$7.00
- 2014 Fee increase to \$5.00
- Proposed fee is \$7.00 by October 2017.

Comments?



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